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Sincerely,

Harry Fish
P.O. Box 106
Wald, Maine 04285

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Walter E. Emery
16 Key St.
Eastport ME 04631
2-8-93

Senator George Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator,

With reference to PR Docket 92-235, concerning proposed regulation changes by the Federal Communications Commission, if this proposal goes through, it will result in the loss of at least half of the frequencies now allocated for the use of Radio Control hobbyists, which have only recently been won after years of long hard struggle.

Should this proposal be effected, half our channels will become unusable, making our hobby much less enjoyable, and probably unsafe. Allowing users of cellular phones and other mobile devices on these channels will cause interference in the control of our aircraft and boats which could be disastrous, both from a safety point of view, and also from a financial one.

Many of those people in this hobby have a considerable financial investment in their equipment, and I for one would be unable to replace such a major investment, which has taken me years to assemble. I am sure that many folks like me would be put out of a hobby which we have practiced over most of our lifetimes, and given the current hard economic situation, this proposal would wipe us out.

I am therefore asking for your support and assistance in helping to defeat this proposal, as it seems very unfair to allow one segment of the populace to benefit at the expense of another.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Emery
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31 January 1993

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The Honorable George Mitchell
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Sincerely,



DEAR SENATOR MITCHELL,

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MY THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD SON AND I ENJOY THE SPORT OF RC FLYING-
AT A FIELD DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO ROUTE 17 IN UNION, MAINE. THESE RULES
WILL MAKE OUR SPORT DANGEROUS AND EVENTUALLY WILL CLOSE THIS FIELD
IF PASSED. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP US OUT IN THIS MATTER.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING GOOD WORK IN WASHINGTON. YOUR
WORK IS APPRECIATED IN OUR HOUSE.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Sincerely,

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PETER C. VICKERMAN

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

32 Sheldon St. #8
Farmingdale, Maine 04344
February 7, 1993

The Honorable George Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington DC. 20510

Dear Senator Mitchell,

I am very concerned about the rules being proposed in PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, these new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accident liability for controlling radio controlled model aircraft.

The frequencies in question, in the 72-76 MHz band, are also shared by mobile dispatch operations. The frequencies are now far enough apart as to pose no problems. If passed, Docket 92-235 will place **new** frequencies close enough to those assigned to radio control models as to pose a significant and perhaps fatal risk. If passed, only 19 of the present frequencies will remain available for the millions of R/C modelers.

Many model airplanes have wingspans of **10 feet** or more, can weigh in excess of **50 pounds**, and exceed speeds of **100 miles per hour**. It is plain to see that an out of control aircraft of this nature, or one significantly smaller in size, with an "11 inch rotary knife" spinning at 12,000 r.p.m. is capable of causing property damage, serious injury, and even death. Modelers go to **great** lengths to assure the safety of pilots, spectators, and personal property alike and are governed by an already extensive set of rules at the national level, not withstanding the rules imposed by the local clubs.

If only 19 frequencies remain for our use, the degree of congestion will greatly reduce the margin of safety we strive to create. Please help me to continue safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out it's proposal for Docket 92-235.

Sincerely Concerned,



Nicholas M. Rende

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

February 6, 1993

The Honorable George Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington
District of Columbia 20510

Dear Senator Mitchell:

Re: PR Docket 92-235

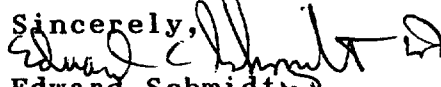
Please do not implement the proposed changes to PART 95 affecting the operation of RC bands 72 and 75. I believe there are very significant public safety and health hazards that will be adversely impacted by this proposal.

I personally have been involved in design, construction, flight and public education about Radio Controlled Model Aircraft since 1958. During these years there have been multiple technological changes that we have been forced to implement and later discard; a.) operate only type accepted equipment which prohibited me from continuing own electronic design and building, b.) obtain fixed base licence, c.) change band frequencies because of mandatory sharing with Citizens' Band, d.) and most recently as 1991 requiring narrow banding transmitters and receivers. So far other than the personal expense involved which has been on order of \$500 per change none of these requirements have had the personal and public safety impact that 92-235 would impose.

We routinely are invited to perform PUBLIC demonstrations before such groups as BOY SCOUTS MAINE JAMBOREE 1991, GREAT STATE OF MAINE AIRSHOWS for the past four seasons, MAINE MODELERS EXPOSITION, BRUNSWICK NURSING HOME, and many others. Some of these events have audiences in excess of 50,000 public attendees; and in the case of BNAS shows military aircraft on display worth multiple millions of dollars. Our safety record to date has been exemplary. I am very fearful of any proposal that might adversely affect frequency interference rendering 5 to 25 pound model aircraft to literally become uncontrollable flying battering rams.

Although only a small portion of the population is directly involved with Radio Control model aircraft, the general population certainly enjoys direct and indirect benefits derived from modeling. I refer to helicopter control systems, vacuum bagging, composite construction techniques, cyanoacrylate bonding agents, home-built aircraft interest, and even the VOYAGER around the world flight project which have all had very significant foundations and support based on model aircraft interests.

I urge that safe Radio Control model environment be maintained.

Sincerely,

Edward Schmidt
22 Magean Street
Brunswick, ME 04011

The Honorable George Mitchell
U.S. Senate
Washington D.C.
20510

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

2-10-93

Dear Senator Mitchell,

I have been a modeler of radio controlled airplanes for about five years. I am an active member of a local radio control airplane club based in New Gloucester, Maine. I am currently the club's treasurer and I also enjoy serving as an instructor for new pilots during the warm weather months.

I am very concerned about PR Docket 92-235, proposed rule changes currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. If this rule change is implemented it will have a severely detrimental effect on the safety and operation of all radio controlled models operated in the 72-76 MHz frequency band. This band is primarily used by land based mobile radio communications such as cellular telephones, but the frequencies are separated far enough apart that cellular phones and radio controlled aircraft do not interfere with each other.

The proposed FCC rule change would insert new cellular phone frequencies between the frequencies currently assigned for use by radio controlled airplanes. Since the signals from cellular phone operation are much stronger than those from radio control, the new cellular phone radio signals would "splash" over onto radio control frequencies. This would render the majority of the radio control frequencies unusable for our purposes.

The reason our frequencies would be unusable would be mainly due to the safety risk involved. Since cellular phones are mobile we would never know when one might be operating close by to radio control activities. Someone operating his or her airplane safely one minute might find that he or she has absolutely no control over it in the next minute. The aircraft we operate range in weight from a few pounds to fifty five pounds and fly in speed ranging from a few miles per hour up to two hundred miles per hour or more. The potential danger of an out of control model to both pilots and bystanders is obvious. At the very least this radio interference could result in the destruction of an expensive model.

I own two radios and four airplanes worth around fifteen hundred dollars that would be rendered useless if the FCC rule change is allowed to go into effect. I also have hundreds of dollars invested in building equipment and support equipment that would become useless. This does not include the hundreds of hours of my own time that has been spent building these airplanes.

I believe that this FCC rule change proposal is both unwise from a safety standpoint and unfair in that it shows absolutely no concern for those who have large investments of time and money involved in the radio control hobby. There are many hundreds of thousands of people in this hobby and many people whose businesses depend mainly on R/C hobbyists.

Please help us maintain our hobby by not allowing the FCC rule change proposals for the 72-76 MHz band to go into effect. We all need your help urgently because the FCC deadline is

February 26, 1993 after which time it may become more difficult
to stop these proposals from going into effect. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David W. Edwards

1171 Lawrence Road

Pownal, ME 04069

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29 JAN. 1993

DEAR SENATOR MITCHEL, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I am a RETIRED SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER. I am employed by MEASUREX CORP. as a field representative and am assigned to BOISE CASCADE, RUMFORD, ME. My work while interesting and not physically demanding, is, however very stressful. I relieve my tensions thru my hobby, building an flying radio control model airplanes. I am and have been secretary of the SKYSTREAKERS R/C CLUB for 7 years. We have over 100 members, men women and youngsters, our ages range from 6 to 90 years.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC). The proceeding is PR DOCKET 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usable frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attending liability for controlling model airplanes.

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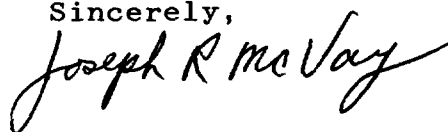
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Please understand that these model airplanes can have wingspans of 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. The aircraft I build range from 5 to 8 foot wingspan and weigh from 5 to 20 pounds. The fastest can exceed 90 mph. The models are expensive to build; but more to the point they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to loose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundereds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of frequencies in order to insure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our radio equipment. I built two of my radios, one of which, has a computer in it. The hobby/sport provides many hours of enjoyment to many thousands of people like myself.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my life long pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72 - 76 MHZ band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph R. McVay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Joseph R. Mc Vay FTCS USN RET.
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Mr. Kenneth A. Baker
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Freeport, Me. 04032

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

92-235

February 1, 1993

The Honorable George J. Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Congressman,

I am an active hobbyist in the sport of model radio controlled airplanes. I have been informed by the Academy of Model Aeronautics of the proposed FCC rule changes that could adversely effect my hobby.

The proposed rule changes could seriously effect the safety aspect of my flying which is why I am writing to help convince you to use your influence to have this rule change canceled.

The proposed FCC rule change is to add radio frequencies so close to the frequencies we currently use there could be interference. This interference could cause loss of control of the plane and result in a crash. We are very careful to check with scanners now for interference before we start flying. As the new proposed frequencies are to be designated "mobile" (cellular phones) we would never be able to detect the interference before starting to fly. As the mobile transmitters are 4 time more powerful than the ones we use, they would simply overpower our radio systems and cause a crash.

I have a significant amount of money invested in radio equipment which allows me to have some fun in this hobby and do it safely. The airplanes that I fly as well as nearly 100,000 others can weight up to 25 pounds and fly at over 100 mph. Flying sites are, on occasion, near the public roadways and housing. Spectators at the flying sites are always a common occurrence.

As you can see, safety must be and is our highest concern. I urge you to get the FCC to find the additional frequencies they need elsewhere.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Baker

The Honorable George Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Senator Mitchell,

I just heard, to my great dismay, about the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket 92-235 which would replace Part 90 of the rules with Part 88.

This proposed rule is being considered by the FCC and if adopted would greatly reduce the amount of frequency space for SAFE use of Radio Controlled models.

I have been an R/C pilot for 2 1/2 years and they have been wonderful years. The hobby has greatly enhanced the quality of my life. I'm proud and pleased to say that it is only within the past few years that women have begun to participate in this mostly male dominated hobby. Myself and quite a few other women I know are growing and being exposed to areas of learning not easily available to women - electronics, woodworking, mechanics, hand/eye coordination and more. It would be more than a shame to crowd the frequencies, make the hobby less safe and discourage more people from joining in the possibilities that R/C modeling provides.

I currently have 7 Transmitters (radios) and complimentary receivers which would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted. This represents a lot of money. I have ten radio controlled planes which I have built and fly. I patronize three local hobby shops which would be hurt by the proposal - very possibly to the breaking point.

I am a member of a local club, the R/C Gulls, and we are especially concerned with safety of those flying and our spectators which are numerous. We have a safety officer and all new, as well as old members, are constantly instructed in the protocol which coordinates our use of the available frequencies. This is extremely important to the safe use of these planes. Some of mine are over 20 lbs, with wing spans of over 8 feet. These engines are not toys and can fly over 100 mph. We take this pursuit seriously and we have an incredibly good time doing it.

Please take heed and DO NOT ALLOW the FCC to carry out its proposal PR DOCKET 92-235. We need your help.

Most sincerely,

Virginia Pummer

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HC 64, BOX 437, RT 172
BLUE HILL, ME 04614

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Feb. 8, 1983

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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RR 5 Box 214D
Gorham, Me. 04038

The Honorable George Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Sir;

I have been deeply involved in the model aviation^{Hobby} for as long as I can remember, (at least 45 years). In that time I have received countless hours of enjoyment from my hobby. I also have thousands of dollars invested and would hate to have to give it up.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Howard Kennedy, Jr

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The Honorable George J. Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Senator:

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I have been interested in aviation as long as I can remember and am very active in a local club. I am also an active in local and statewide competition. I have, at the present time, six radios which may be made obsolete by this new proposal.

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Sincerely,

M. C. McEluffin

8 Robinson, St.,
Houlton, ME 04730

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92-235

31 January 1993

MAR 9 1993

The Honorable George Mitchell
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Sincerely,

William Reece
203 Ray Street
Portland, Maine
04103

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RR # 2 Box 3610
Bryant Pond, ME
February 1, 1993

The Honorable George Mitchell:
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Mitchell:

I have been interested in all aspects of aviation since I was a child and I have been a model airplane hobbyist for 25 years. I have derived many enjoyable hours of relaxation while constructing and operating radio controlled aircraft.

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David Marin Sr.

David Marin, Sr.

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George Mitchell
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission is considering an action that may severely limit and even may eliminate a hobby that I have recently become involved with, building and flying model airplanes.

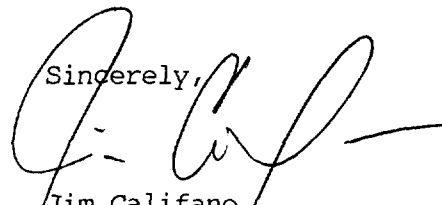
The FCC's (Federal Communications Commission) notice of a proposed change in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 rule with a new Part 88. The Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft by keeping a 10 Khz spacing between commercial users and frequencies used by R/C hobbyists. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 Mhz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 Mhz band now used by hobbyists.

This action will create a severe problem for the people involved in our hobby. The loss of expensive equipment let alone the safety factors involved for the pilot and spectators could be devastating.

Please help us keep the Part 90 rule, thus keeping R/C flying safe and enjoyable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jim Califano
29 Forbes Lane
Windham, ME 04062

The Honorable George Mitchell
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Mitchell

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment and relaxation from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. My fellow Club-members of the Brunswick Area Modelers feel as I do about our hobby.

We are all very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission in regard to PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is

primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either one interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference with radio control operations. Many of us have a considerable investment in equipment for our hobby — equipment which could well become obsolete if the FCC proposals go through.

Please help me and thousands of other radio control hobbyists continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,
Richard L. Gilbert

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 25 1993
PO Box 114
Boothbay, Me. 04537

Dear Senator Mitchell:

Enclosed please find a copy of two letters I received today. They should be self-explanatory and my comments follow:

It would seem to me, even though I have been retired now some few years, that this proposed rule making will cause a lot of problems including what could be considered restraint of trade and/or the right of free speech.

From where I stand, as an interested observer, that there is a group who want to sew up the mobile radio user into a no win situation, he cannot control his own radio business be it provider of services or end user.

You will note a paragraph stating that very little comment from the small business group was received. This is usually the case in something like this and after the item has been implemented and the small guy has his toes stomped on then he wakes up and it is too late to do anything about it.

This rule making will not affect me as I am out of the mobile radio business but I would not like to see this happen to the people I know are trying to make a go of it in the small business category, hope you can do some thing about it before it is too late.

Very truly yours,

C.E. Watson



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January 29, 1993

Hon. George Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: FCC Proposed Rule
PR Docket 92-235**

Dear Senator Mitchell,

With all of the weighty matters facing the Congress, this issue may seem like one not demanding much attention. But, it does.

Ever since I was growing up in the '50's, I have enjoyed building and flying model airplanes (with time off for service in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, college, law school, and the early years of practice as a prosecutor). My son and I derive much enjoyment pursuing our hobby of flying radio controlled model airplanes. We are both members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA 447711 and 447712 respectively, which shows the large number of radio control modelers out there).

This rule poses a threat to that pursuit. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 to 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if this new rule is adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is reduced by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

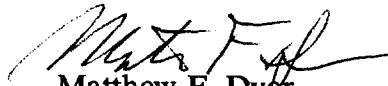
Please understand that many model airplanes have wingspans up to ten feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the model aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may think that we are not as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio control equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry, to say nothing of it providing a wholesome activity for thousands of our youth.

Please help us continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Matthew F. Dyer

pc: Vince Mankowski, Executive Director, Academy of Model Aeronautics

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Dr. Peter Flanagan
6 Ottawa Woods Road
Scarborough, Maine 04074

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30 January 1993

The Honorable George Mitchell
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Mitchell:

I am writing concerning pending action by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to change the licensing of radio frequencies in the 72 MHz band. In their PR Docket 92-235 they seek to add additional mobile phone frequencies between current frequencies used by Radio Controlled Airplane hobbyists, such as myself. I urge you to oppose this change in FCC rules.

I have been involved in the hobby of radio controlled airplanes for many years. This hobby is enjoyed by thousands of people across the country of all ages.

Last summer we put on an airplane demonstration at the State of Maine Airshow, at Brunswick Naval Airstation.

I recently have been teaching an eighty one year old man to fly radio controlled